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E.O. 12865 GDS - 5/16/1985 (GUZMAN, RALPH C.)

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SUBJECT: DAS GUZMAN MEETING WITH MINISTER DALTON OF
ARGENTINE EMBASSY

REF: STATE 123468

1. ENTIRE TEXT)

2. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RALPH GUZMAN MET WITH ROBERT DALTON, MINISTER OF ARGENTINE EMBASSY, MAY 16 TO PRESENT HIM WITH REPORTED DISAPPEARANCE CASE OF MARIO MARRERO (SEE REFTEL) AND REQUEST THAT GOA CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OF THIS REPORT AND SEEK TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF MARRERO. GUZMAN THEN INFORMED DALTON THAT WE ARE PLEASED WITH DRAMATIC DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF DISAPPEARANCES THAT HAS OCCURRED SINCE EARLY FEBRUARY AND WITH THE GOA'S EXPEDITIOUS REPLIES TO OUR REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION. HE NOTED THAT WE STILL RECEIVED SOME REPORTS OF DISAPPEARANCES THAT REMAIN A MATTER OF CONCERN TO US, AND REITERATED OUR HOPE - BASED ON THE ASSURANCES OF AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL - THAT ALL DISAPPEARANCES WOULD CEASE, THAT THOROUGH INVESTIGATIONS WOULD BE CONDUCTED OF ALL REPORTED DISAPPEARANCES, AND THAT ACTION WOULD BE

TAKEN AGAINST RESPONSIBLE ELEMENTS OF THE SECURITY FORCES. GUZMAN MENTIONED RECENT PUZZLING CASES IN WHICH GOA HAS BEEN UNABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON WHEREABOUTS OF MISSING PERSONS WHO HAVE RECENTLY COMMUNICATED WITH FRIENDS OR RELATIVES AND SAID WE HOPE THAT THESE WILL SOON BE RESOLVED.

3. GUZMAN THEN ADDRESSED ISSUES OF RIGHT OF OPTION CASES AND EXPRESSED OUR HOPE THAT THE GOA WOULD ACCELERATE THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERING APPLICATIONS. HE NOTED REMARKS BY GENERAL VIOLA IN APRIL TO AMBASSADOR CASTRO THAT WE COULD SOON ANTICIPATE MOVEMENT IN APPROVING APPLICATIONS AND ASKED THAT THE GOA DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO EXPEDITE ACTION SO THAT WE CAN AVOID SITUATIONS IN WHICH WE AIR OUR DIFFERENCES PUBLICLY ON THE PROGRAM. GUZMAN ASKED THAT WE BE QUICKLY INFORMED OF ANY ACTIONS THE GOA BELIEVES WE MIGHT UNDERTAKE TO AID IN EXPEDITING MOVEMENT ON RIGHT OF OPTION CASES.

4. DALTON ACCEPTED REPORT OF MARRERO DISAPPEARANCE AND PROMISED THAT HE WOULD FORWARD IT IMMEDIATELY TO GOA FOR INVESTIGATION. HE ASSURED GUZMAN THAT ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT IS FULLY COMMITTED TO END DISAPPEARANCES DEFINITELY. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT SOME DISAPPEARANCES HAVE TAKEN PLACE, HE SAID THAT GOA IS SEEKING TO ESTABLISH ALL THE FACTS IN EACH CASE. IN REGARD TO REPORTED DISAPPEARANCE OF THELMA DOROTY JARA DE CABEZAS, WHOSE DISAPPEARANCE WE HAD REPORTED EARLIER TO ARGENTINE EMBASSY, DALTON SAID THAT THEY HAD NOT YET RECEIVED A REPORT ON HER CASE FROM BUENOS

AIRES BUT THEY WERE PRESSING FOR INFORMATION. ON RIGHT OF OPTION PROGRAM, DALTON SAID THAT OUR DIFFERENCES IN STATISTICS WERE PROBABLY DUE TO DIFFERENCES IN DEFINITIONS SINCE U.S. COUNTS AS ISSUED ALL CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY DELIVERED TO AN APPLICANT. THE GOA DOES NOT COUNT A CERTIFICATE AS DELIVERED UNTIL THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR RECEIVES IT FROM THE APPLICANTS. DALTON AGREED THAT WE SHOULD MINIMIZE OUR DISAGREEMENTS ON THE RIGHT OF OPTION PROGRAM. HE SAID HE ANTICIPATES THAT WE WILL SEE GREATER MOVEMENT SOON ON APPLICATIONS. VANCE

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